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TO AMCONSUL ASMARA

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TAGS: SREF, ET

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM: TSEAGI MEHRAY

1. INS HAS REFERRED TO DEPT. FOR COMMENT REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BY TSEAGI MEHRAY (TSEGGAI MEHARI), WHO ENTERED U.S. FROM ITALY IN OCTOBER 1974, HAVING LIVED PREVIOUSLY IN ISRAEL FOR TWO YEARS. TSEAGI BASES HIS CLAIM TO REFUGEE STATUS ON HIS MEMBERSHIP IN POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (PLF), WHICH HE SAYS HE SUPPORTED ONLY FINANCIALLY. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE LEFT ETHIOPIA BECAUSE ARMY HAD HIS NAME AS A PLF SUPPORTER. TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS FEAR OF PERSECUTION, TSEAGI CLAIMS HIS TWO BROTHERS, KIFLE AND YEMANI (PRESUMABLY SURNAMED MEHARI), WERE KILLED IN AMBUSH BY ETHIOPIAN ARMY IN ASMARA IN DECEMBER 1974.

2. FOR ASMARA: PLEASE TRY TO CONFIRM WHETHER APPLICANT'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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BROTHERS WERE KILLED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED. FOR ADDIS AND ASMARA: IF SO, WOULD THIS, COMBINED WITH KNOWN PAST FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PLF, CONSTITUTE VALID BASIS FOR WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION IF HE SHOULD RETURN

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